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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 11/21/72

FROM : *SJ* SAC, TAMPA (92-1636)(P)

SUBJECT: ~~BURT REYNOLDS; NO 92*~~
~~FRANK RAGANO NO 92*~~

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(OO: TAMPA)

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For information of Los Angeles, subject RAGANO is the attorney of LCN figure SANTO TRAFFICANTE. RAGANO was recently convicted in USDC, Tampa, on an IRS tax evasion charge and was found guilty and sentenced to about six months imprisonment. RAGANO presently free on bond pending appeal on this case.

On 11/10/72, AUSA [redacted] Tampa, Florida, advised that he had been contacted that day by [redacted] who advised him that on 10/17/72 he observed movie and T.V. personalities BURT REYNOLDS, DINAH SHORE, accompanied by FRANK RAGANO at the Tampa International Airport. According to AUSA, RAGANO indicated that REYNOLDS and SHORE had stayed at RAGANO's home for one evening and RAGANO further indicated that REYNOLDS was looking to purchase property in the Lake Wales, Florida area.

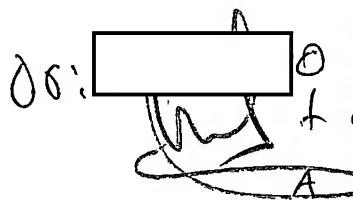
AUSA [redacted] requested the FBI to determine if in fact REYNOLDS had property in the Lake Wales area and further if there was any relationship between RAGANO and REYNOLDS.

On 11/15/72, [redacted] advised that movie and T.V. personalities BURT REYNOLDS and DINAH SHORE stayed at the home of Tampa attorney, FRANK RAGANO. Source understands that RAGANO is representing REYNOLDS in a land transaction in Jupiter, Florida, where REYNOLDS either now has purchased or is in the process of purchasing land.

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LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will conduct indices check to determine if BURT REYNOLDS, and/or DINAH SHORE have any known association with LCN figures.

MIAMI DIVISION

AT JUPITER, FLORIDA

Will at the Clerk of the County Court office, review records in an effort to identify any property which may be owned by subject, REYNOLDS. If such property located, determine if any liens have been placed against property.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :SAC, TAMPA (92-1636)

DATE: 1/29/73

FROM :SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-5315) (RUC)

SUBJECT: BURT REYNOLDS;
FRANK RAGANO
OO: Tampa

Re Tampa letter to Los Angeles, dated 11/21/72.

A review of the indices of the Los Angeles Office failed to develop any information that would indicate known association between BURT REYNOLDS and/or DINAH SHORE with La Cosa Nostra (LCN) figures.

In addition, informants of the Los Angeles Office who would be familiar with this area of activity were queried, but were unable to furnish any information that would indicate any connection that BURT REYNOLDS or DINAH SHORE had with hoodlum figures.

It is noted that DINAH SHORE is friendly with SIDNEY KORSHAK, prominent hoodlum attorney from Chicago currently residing in Los Angeles. DINAH SHORE has been a friend of BERNICE KORSHAK, SIDNEY's wife, for many years.

Also, [redacted] who are closely involved in the movie industry both advised that REYNOLDS is well regarded in the motion picture industry and has property and business interests in Florida. These sources had no information concerning any hoodlum associates of either REYNOLDS or DINAH SHORE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-5315)

DATE: 2/15/73

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (92-1636) (P)

SUBJECT: *J*
BURTON LEON REYNOLDS, aka
Burt Reynolds;
FRANK RAGANO
AR
(OO: TP)

Re TP letter to LA, 11/21/72.

Enclosed for the assistance of LA, is 1 copy of
report of SA [redacted] dated 2/8/73, captioned as
above.

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Referenced letter and enclosed report set out
background of case in the area of interest of the AUSA,
Tampa, Fla.

On 2/9/73, Miami advised that BURT REYNOLDS
could be contacted through his agent, LEE WINKLER, c/o
Global Business Manager, 9601 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly
Hills, Calif.

Los Angeles is requested to interview BURT REYNOLDS
to determine how long he has known RAGANO and how he
met him. Also determine if RAGANO is representing REYNOLDS
in any land or business transactions in Florida or any
other part of the country. Also determine the purpose of
REYNOLDS' visit to Tampa with RAGANO (social, business, etc.).

It should be noted that RAGANO is the attorney
of record for identified LCN leader, SANTO TRAFFICANTE,
of Tampa, Fla. Los Angeles should attempt to determine if
REYNOLDS knows TRAFFICANTE and if he was introduced by
RAGANO. Also, if possible, attempt to identify any
individuals in Tampa whom RAGANO has introduced to REYNOLDS.

Determine also if RAGANO has proposed any type
of business ventures with REYNOLDS.

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It should also be noted that RAGANO has recently been convicted of an IRS charge in U. S. District Court, Tampa, and was sentenced to about 6 months imprisonment, however, he is free on bond pending appeal of this tax matter.

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-5315)
MIAMI (92-3570)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (92-1636)

BURTON LEON REYNOLDS, AKA BURT REYNOLDS; FRANK RAGANO; AR. OO: TAMPA.

RE TAMPA REPORT OF SA [REDACTED], 2-8-73; TAMPA LETTER
TO LOS ANGELES, 2-15-73.

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LOS ANGELES AND MIAMI DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION.

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